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Diane Atkinson
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Dear Ms. Atkinson:

I have received the enclosed correspondence from a constituent, Richard Grady, regarding the implementation of the Broadband Power Line (BPL). Mr. Grady is concerned about the impact the BPL will have on amateur radio operations.

Due to the desire of my office to be responsive to all inquiries, your consideration of the enclosed correspondence will be greatly appreciated. Please reply directly to Mr. Grady, and forward a copy of that response to me, marked to the attention of Matthew McCullough in my Washington office.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,


JOHN ENSIGN
United States Senator

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The FCC currently is considering the use of power lines for high-speed data transmission, commonly called Broadband over Power Lines (BPL). I oppose this use of power lines, because these signals will radiate from the power lines and interfere with other radio communications.

I am an amateur radio operator, licensed by the FCC. I use my station for communications during emergencies. Deployment of BPL will severely impede my ability to provide these communications.

Please direct the FCC to prohibit any such use of power lines.

Richard R. Grady, Jr.